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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAKI NITTA ET AL. ) Examiner: N.Y.A.  
Appln. No.: N.Y.A. ) Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: COLOR INK-JET RECORDING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
AND METHOD OF PROCESSING )  
IMAGE DATA ) February 6, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application

as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 7 and 8, to read as follows (a copy of that paragraph, marked to read as follows, is appended):

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--Figs. 4A to 4C are explanatory representations showing a recorded state achieved by a divided recording method;--.